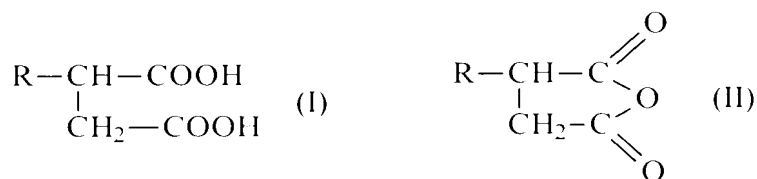
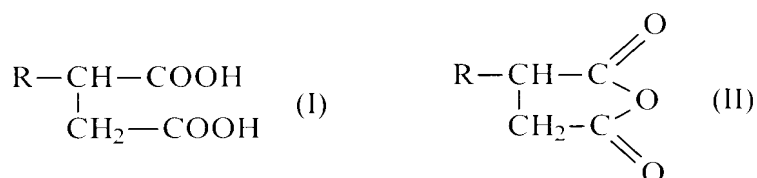


1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of up to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 200 to 4,000.

7. (New) A method comprising lubricating a ship engine with a cylinder oil containing an acid-neutralizing promoter made of a succinimide compound obtainable by reacting a polyamine having a carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of from 0.85 to 1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of up to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 200 to 4,000.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil, (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates, phenates and salicylates of alkaline earth metals, and (b) said acid-neutralizing promoter, and which has a total base number of from 30 to 150 mg-KOH/g.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the component (a) accounts for from 5 to 40 % by weight and the component (b) for from 0.1 to 3 % by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled.

New Claims 6-9 have been added drawn to a method of promoting acid-neutralization of a cylinder oil (Claim 6) and to a method of lubricating using the above-discussed acid-neutralizing promoter (Claims 7-9). These claims are identical to the claims presented in the amendment filed July 20, 2001 in the parent application, held by the Examiner as drawn to a non-elected invention in the Office Action dated October 9, 2001.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 6-9 are now active in the application.